

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed October 8, 2003 stated that the Amendment filed on September 11, 2003 that was in response to the Office Action mailed August 12, 2003 was non-compliant since the text of the withdrawn claims was not included. Applicants has included the text of the withdrawn claims in this supplemental amendment. Applicants submit that the amendment is now compliant with 36 CFR 1.121.

Applicants reconfirm the election to prosecute claims 1-11, 13-15, 17-20 and 32-54 directed to a method. Applicants also reconfirm claims 21-31 directed to an apparatus have been withdrawn.

Applicants submit that all the pending claims are in allowable form and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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